GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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UNINIRRIGATED LAND
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total hectares of unirrigated and unarable land in the country as on date State-wise;

(b) the total hectares of land found deprived of such irrigation facility on the basis of survey conducted in each State, separately;

(c) the efforts made by the Government to provide means of irrigation in such areas; and

(d) the details of the proposals received from the State Governments during the last two years to undertake irrigation projects on such land?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) to (d) As per the Land Use Statistic for the year 2003-04 complied by Ministry of Agriculture, the Net Sown Area has been estimated as 139.64 million hectare, out of which irrigation has been provided to 53.92 million hectare. State-wise details of unirrigated area are at Annexure-I.

Irrigation development is a continuous process and the responsibility of planning, execution and funding of all types of irrigation projects primarily rests with the State Governments. However for early completion of ongoing major and medium irrigation projects, Government of India provides Central Loan Assistance (CLA) to the State Governments under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97. CLA under AIBP is also provided for the minor irrigation schemes of the special category States comprising the North Eastern States & Sikkim, the hilly States of Jammu & Kashmir, HImachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal as well as the drought prone Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput districts of Orissa with effect from 1999-2000. AIBP has been modified with effect from April 2004 to provide central assistance in the form of 70% loan and 30% grant for non-special category States and 10% loan and 90%grant for special category States for projects under Fast Track Programme. So far, an amount of Rs. 18378 crore has been released as CLA/grant under this programme.